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NEXT MEETING: March 12th 8.00 Pm. Everyone welcome.

MARCONI AND OTHERS --- Art Schultz W9BR will discuss the significant contributions these early pioneers have made to the electronic and communications world. This should be a most interesting program. A short business meeting and refreshments will follow. BE THERE.

We hope all members survived the recent ice storm. My antenna is still up and in good shape, but I had some anxious moments watching that ice form. We are sorry to report that Art Schultz W9BR's big Quad did receive severe damage during the storm. In looking at many antennas around town, the Quads seemed to have suffered the most. Many people were without power, and some for several days. We can all say that it is something we are glad that has passed. How about this warm weather, I was getting ready to do some antenna work and it turned cold again-(Murphy) We hear that Jerry Lucas W9 BS is planning to officially retire. Good Luck Jerry and all the members wish you well upon your retirement, but you probably will noteven come close to retireing as far as your amateur and electronic interests are concerned.

We hear that Ralph Mays is now residing at the Summit House, all members say Hello and hope he is well.

Bill Johnson W9BUQ has been handling traffic into Guatemala which was very much appreciated because the Red Cross antenna system received ice damage and could not communicate effectively.

WadedKingery W9JGZ call our attention to a real bargain, a ground plane antenna. Radio Shack is offering their CB ground plane ant. normally selling for \$12.95 at a \$2.00 discount, with a coupon which appeared in the Star-News on wednesday or Thursday of last week. Ant. is complete with mounting Hardware etc. it can easily be converted for 2-6-10-15 meter ham use. Considering the price of aluminum etc. YOU CAN'T BEAT IT.

DAYTON HAMVENTION Coming April 23-24 and 25th. You don't want to miss this one. The program brochures will be mailed March 8th. If you are planning an overnight stay, you better make early advance reservations.

TREASURERS REPORT The Audit Committee, Harold McGee and Art Schultz, reported that their audit of the financial report, were in good order. No unusual DX-expeditions, plane tickets, etc. HI. Many thanks to the Audit Committee.

W9EL Alvey Pittman Presented two designs for the IRC emblem to be worn on your shirt or jacket. Alvey worked hard, and came up with some real good designs. This project will be completed by next meeting. If everything goes well you will have your shirt or jacket in short order.

A BOOTLEGGER that had many Indy amateurs very concerned was finally arrested near Indpls and is serving time in the county jail, after area

amateurs alerted authorities to keep an eye out for him. Using the call K9OME at Indy and WB9SLZ at Ft. Wayne ^{for} ~~for~~ Hamfest, he was caught selling CB sets to truckers in a ~~truck~~ stop, with a number of stolen rigs in his van.

From HR report.

STOLEN RIGS In line with the last subject, we think you ought to know, If you value your mobile rig, you should keep a sharp eye on it. There are a number of ways of protecting your mobile equipment from theft. I.D. your gear by etching the serial number and your social security numbers deep in the chassis where it cannot be easily rubbed out. In Indiana where your SS number is on your drivers license, it will not be hard for the authorities to find you, if they recover your stolen rig. If you leave your car for any length of time, put your rig in the trunk. Install an alarm system on your car or make it very difficult to remove your equipment from the car. DO IT NOW.

PROGRAM REVIEW February 13th. -- Although I have never participated in this activity, all will have to agree that Paul Bohrer W9DUU puts on a very interesting and easily understood program. Titled Direction Finding as applied to two meter antenna and techniques. Paul dealt with the problem of finding the unknown location of a hidden transmitter, either the Fox or on the serious side. A copy of rules for Foxhunting, Antenna designs, and circuits for direction finding equipment were passed out to members. It looks like Fox hunting will become a popular activity, due to this program. A great deal of time was spent with techniques and problems of direction finding, such as antenna handling, signal saturation of receiver when very close to the hidden transmitter etc. Many THANKS Paul for another fantastic program.

PROGRAM REVIEW February 20th. Ron Cooper WB9DKL of the Indpls Power and Light Co. gave a slide lecture presentation about this local utility. There are many aspects to the generation and distribution of electric power. The club members got a close look at IPALCO generating stations, distribution networks, and what it takes to maintain such a vast power system. Safety was discussed and the effort and training that goes into protecting power service personnel. Ron mentioned all the various types of jobs that are required to maintain good public service by IPALCO. MANY THANKS RON FOR A VERY INFORMATIVE PROGRAM.

NEW MEMBERS The IRC would like to welcome three new members to our group, PETER RYZA WB9QWU--8517 E. 34th St. a products Engr. and a ham since March 1975. --- Steve Zimmerman WB9PSH/9 of 6360 Brookline Dr. a student and ham since August '74. --- Max Jeter WB9NMM of 5351 Daniel Dr. a Research Director and a ham since December '73. A GREAT BIG WELCOME and we hope you will enjoy the fellowship and activities of the club, for the years to come.

DUES If your dues are not paid up, this will be the last issue of the Newsletter--you will receive, until such time as your dues are paid.

FOR SALE CDR Rotator-- 5 Element Six Meter Cush-Craft Beam. See or call Mike Williams at 846-6051.